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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Daniel V. EAST et al.

Application No.: 09/982,852

Art Unit: 3621

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Examiner: C. O. Sherr

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A FAIL-SAFE
START-UP MECHANISM FOR CLIENTS OF
A LICENSE SERVER

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 7, 2004, please consider the following arguments. For the reasons given below, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, and any overpayments credited, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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